

regular order was suspended, and the Chair laid before the Senate,

Senate bill No. 103, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 23, of Article 1194, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, regulating the venue of suits against private corporations, associations, and joint stock companies, so as to permit suits against carriers to be brought in any county in which the carrier on whose line the freight or baggage originated or was first shipped, has an office or agency, and against whom, with others, damages are claimed, or in any county in which is situated the depot, town, or point to which the freight or baggage was consigned or shipped, and to permit two or more carriers to be joined in one suit," action being on engrossment.

Bill read second time, and pending action, on motion of Senator McGee, further consideration was postponed, and the bill, together with Senate bill No. 95, was made special order for Wednesday, February 22, after morning call.

The Chair laid before the Senate,

House Concurrent Resolution No. 19:

Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, That the Senators and Representatives in Congress from Texas be and are hereby requested to urge the submission of an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, providing for the election of United States senators by a direct vote of the people.

On motion of Senator Burns, the resolution was unanimously adopted.

The Chair laid before the Senate,

House Concurrent Resolution No. 21:

Whereas, The Governor, by special message, has called the attention of the Legislature to the fact that the State Reformatory is probably a failure so far as promoting the purposes for which it was created is concerned, and suggesting a necessity for examining into the work of reformation accomplished thereby, to the end that the Legislature may intelligently deal with said institution as the best interest of the State demands; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Speaker of this House shall appoint a committee of three members of the House, to act in concert with a committee of two members of the Senate, the Senate concurring, to make a full and complete investigation of the work of said institution, and the result of said work, which said committee shall report back to the Legislature its findings, with its recommendations.

(House committee: Bailey, Lane and Henderson of Lamar.)

Adopted.

Senator Turney moved that the Senate adjourn until 3 o'clock this evening.

Senator Morriss moved to adjourn until 10 o'clock Friday morning.

Question being on the longest time first, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock Friday morning, February 17.

## TWENTY-SEVENTH DAY.

Senate Chamber,

Austin, Texas, Friday, Feb. 17, 1899.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Lieutenant-Governor Browning in the chair.

Roll called. No quorum, the following Senators answering to their names:

Atlee.	Kerr.
Burns.	Lloyd.
Davidson.	McGee.
Dibrell.	Miller.
Goss.	Odell.
Greer.	Potter.
Grinnan.	Sebastian.
James.	Terrell.
Johnson.	Wayland.

Absent.

Gough.	Stafford.
Linn.	Stone.
Morriss.	Turney.
Neal.	Yantis.
Patterson.	Yett.
Ross.	

Absent—Excused.

Hanger.	Lewis.
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Senator Wayland moved a call of the Senate, which was duly ordered, the following Senators answering to their names:

Atlee.	Kerr.
Burns.	Lloyd.
Davidson.	McGee.
Dibrell.	Miller.
Goss.	Odell.
Greer.	Potter.
Grinnan.	Sebastian.
James.	Terrell.
Johnson.	Wayland.

Absent.

Gough.	Stafford.
Linn.	Stone.
Morriss.	Turney.
Neal.	Yantis.
Patterson.	Yett.
Ross.	

Absent—Excused.

Hanger.	Lewis.
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No quorum.

Senators Stafford and Gough were announced.

It appearing that a quorum could not be obtained this morning, on motion of Senator Atlee the Senate adjourned until 3 p. m. today.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Lieutenant-Governor Browning in the chair.

Roll called. No quorum, the following Senators answering to their names:

Atlee.	Kerr.
Davidson.	McGee.
Dibrell.	Miller.
Goss.	Odell.
Greer.	Potter.
Grinnan.	Sebastian.
James.	Terrell.
Johnson.	Wayland.

Absent.

Burns.	Ross.
Gough.	Stafford.
Linn.	Stone.
Lloyd.	Turney.
Morriss.	Yantis.
Neal.	Yett.
Patterson.	

Absent—Excused.

Hanger. Lewis.

Senator Miller moved to adjourn until Monday next, 10 a. m.

Lost by the following vote:

Yeas—3.

Johnson.	Sebastian.
Miller.	

Nays—13.

Atlee.	Kerr.
Davidson.	McGee.
Dibrell.	Odell.
Goss.	Potter.
Greer.	Terrell.
Grinnan.	Wayland.
James.	

Absent.

Burns.	Patterson.
Gough.	Ross.
Linn.	Stone.
Lloyd.	Turney.
Morriss.	Yantis.
Neal.	Yett.

Absent—Excused.

Hanger. Lewis.

Senator James moved a call of the Senate, which was duly seconded and ordered.

No quorum, the following Senators answering to their names:

Atlee.	Kerr.
Burns.	McGee.
Davidson.	Miller.
Dibrell.	Odell.
Goss.	Potter.
Gough.	Sebastian.
Greer.	Stafford.
Grinnan.	Terrell.
James.	Wayland.
Johnson.	

Absent.

Linn.	Ross.
Lloyd.	Stone.
Morriss.	Turney.
Neal.	Yantis.
Patterson.	Yett.

Absent—Excused.

Hanger. Lewis.

It appearing that no quorum could be had, Senator Miller moved that the Senate adjourn until 9:30 a. m. Monday.

Senator James moved that the Senate adjourn until 10 a. m. tomorrow.

The Senate refused to adjourn until 9:30 Monday, by the following vote:

Yeas—2.

Johnson.	Sebastian.
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Nays—14.

Atlee.	James.
Burns.	Kerr.
Davidson.	McGee.
Goss.	Miller.
Gough.	Stafford.
Greer.	Terrell.
Grinnan.	Wayland.

Absent.

Dibrell.	Patterson.
Linn.	Potter.
Lloyd.	Ross.
Morriss.	Turney.
Neal.	Yantis.
Odell.	Yett.

Absent—Excused.

Hanger. Lewis.

The Senate then adjourned until 10 a. m. tomorrow.

### TWENTY-EIGHTH DAY.

Senate Chamber,

Austin, Texas, Saturday, Feb. 18, 1899.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Lieutenant-Governor Browning in the chair.

Roll called. Quorum present, the following Senators answering to their names: